

Believe me, you have assisted us more than
you can possibly imagine, and I am proportionately
grateful. I will
say no more because I know you will
understand all I have
left unsaid."

Later, in England, after my Guildhall speech,
the Sirdar
wrote to me again, from the hospital where he
was just
recovering from the operation:

May 81,

1910.

My dear Colonel:

May I offer most sincere and hearty
congratulations on
your splendid speech to-day? I have only seen
the evening
paper account, but that is quite sufficient to
show what a
splendid pronouncement it must have been.
How I should
like to have heard you deliver it! Tour
summing up of
the Egyptian situation should do a world of
good; but
what can I say of your tribute to our work in
the Sudan?
I can only say on behalf of myself and of all
the good fel-
lows who are my co-workers, "Thank you from
the bottom
of our hearts." Tour words, uttered at such a
time and
under such conditions, will do more to help us
in our task
than anything that has yet happened. Again I
thank you^

Sir, most sincerely, and remain,

Tour grateful and affectionate,

(Signed) E.

WIKGATB.

P. S. This is the first letter I have written
since the
operation just a month ago,

I was very much touched and pleased by
this letter,
written under such circumstances; for my
prime desire was
to help the men who were doing such good
work; and so I

prized having Wingate and Q-orst, and
later, Percy
Girouard, from East Africa, and various
district commis-
sioners and generals, including Lord Eoberts,
and other
military and civil officials, write me as they
did; and I was
pleased a few weeks ago to receive from
Ian Hamilton
a letter saying that he had been in the Sudan,
where "my
name was one to conjure with-." Of course I
shall never
make public any of these letters, because I
was concerned